

Borough of Rocky Hill

Council Minutes

May 17, 2004

A regular meeting of the Rocky Hill Borough Council was called to order by Mayor Brian Nolan at 7:31 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country and a moment of silent meditation. It was announced that this meeting has been advertised in the Somerset Messenger Gazette issue of December 6, 2003 in accordance with “The Open Public Meetings Act”.

Roll Call:

Present

- Mr. Martin Engelbrecht
- Ms. Connie Hallman
- Ms. Peggy Harris
- Mr. George Morren
- Mr. Edward Zimmerman

Absent

- Mr. Richard Batchelder

Minutes

The minutes of the May 3, 2004 Meeting of the Rocky Hill Borough Council were approved as presented with a motion by Mr. Engelbrecht, second by Mr. Morren. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.
The minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of May 3, 2004 were approved as presented with a motion by Mr. Morren, second by Ms. Hallman. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

Public Comment

Nothing at this time.

Treasurer's Report

Will be received and discussed at the next meeting.

State Police Report

SGT. Steve Morenski, NJ State Police, said things have been quiet in the Borough last month. Sgt. Morenski was told to inform the State Police Municipal Court for May 2004 will be held on June 3, 2004.

Resolution concerning Municipal Court Change Fund

Mr. Engelbrecht moved, second by Ms. Harris to approve the RESOLUTION authorizing a \$50.00 Change Fund for the Court Administrator. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. See appendix #1 for the Resolution.

Bill List

Mr. Morren presented the following RESOLUTION:
WHEREAS THE TREASURER HAS CERTIFIED THAT SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO PAY SAID VOUCHERS: BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING VOUCHERS BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT. Second by Ms. Hallman. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. See appendix #2 for the Bill List.

Special Business

Mr. Morren moved. Second by Ms. Harris introduction of ORDINANCE 9-04 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF PARKING ORDINANCES IN THE BOROUGH OF ROCKY HILL. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. The Public Hearing and final adoption will be June 7, 2004 at 7:30PM at Borough Hall. See appendix #3 for the ORDINANCE.
Mr. Morren moved, second by Ms. Harris introduction of ORDINANCE 10-04 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2-1-71, 2-86, AND 2-96. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. The Public Hearing and final adoption will be June 7, 2004 at 7:30PM at Borough Hall. See appendix #4 for the ORDINANCE.

Communications

They were discussed and ordered filed.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Engelbrecht he did some research on lighting for the Borough Hall Parking Lot and found in 2003 PSE&G would install two utility poles and one light at no up front cost and a monthly rental of 18.95 per month.

Mr. Zimmerman stated he received the project in 2004 and at that time there were two lighting proposals from PSE&G, one for a monthly rental of \$18.95 per month for one light and approximately \$26,000.00 to install several historic type lights around the parking lot and four foot lights along the sidewalk to the rear entrance of Borough Hall. He also received a proposal from John Naomi Electric of \$16,000.00 to light the Borough Parking Lot. Mr. Zimmerman felt that if the lighting problem is an emergency we should install the one light at \$18.95 per month now and address a better solution next year with proper funding. Ms. Harris stated she and Mayor Nolan spoke to people at PSE&G and the League of Municipalities Convention November 2003 and she feels the temporary lighting is not the answer.

It was said the Grants Committee is looking to see if any grants are available to fund lighting of the parking lot.

Ms. Eleanor Young, 17 Montgomery Avenue, read a letter expressing concern about the high pole light and felt the neighbors should have been better informed of the project.

After much more discussion it was decided Mr. Zimmerman will contact Mr. Naomi to see if temporary lighting could be connected to the building where the flood lights are now located and report at the next meeting.

Mayor Nolan said there will be a Public Hearing on RT 92 Thursday May 20, 2004 and he gave Councilmembers copies of Resolutions from other Towns opposing Rt. 92. He asked if Councilmembers would pass a similar Resolution and it would be presented at the Public Hearing.

Mr. Engelbrecht expressed concern passing a Resolution opposing RT.92 before the Public Hearing.

Several Councilmembers expressed concern that Rt. 92 would bring additional traffic to Rocky Hill.

Ms Harris moved, second by Ms. Hallman to adopt a RESOLUTION opposing RT. 92. On a roll call vote Ms. Hallman, Ms. Harris, Mr. Morren, and Mr. Zimmerman voted aye. Mr. Engelbrecht voted nay. The Resolution passed. See appendix # 5 for the Resolution.

The displaying of the American Flag on utility poles along Rt. 518 was discussed and it was decided the American Flag will be placed on only poles with a light and Rocky Hill Flags will be placed on the other poles. The Clerk will ask the Fire Company to install the Flags.

It was stated there is no legislation proposed concerning the consolidation of School Districts.

New Business

Mr. Zimmerman moved, second by Ms. Harris to select the following people for the Princeton Elks Awards Dinner from Rocky Hill Borough:

Citizen of the Year Raymond E. Whitlock Jr.

Firefighter of the Year Thomas Schweitzer

First Aider of the Year George Fowler

Police Officer of the Year Chief Verry (South Bound Brook Borough)

On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

Rocky Hill Borough will be the lead agency concerning permits and construction inspections etc with Somerset County Park, since Van Cleef Engineering is handling that part of Park Development.

Mr. Zimmerman moved, second by Mr. Engelbrecht to approve the use of Panicaro by the Rocky Hill Reformed Church for their annual picnic on Sunday June 13, 2004. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

Mayor Nolan said there will be a Memorial Day Veterans Service on Monday May 31, 2004 at 9:00AM at Panicaro Park.

Public Comment

Nothing at this time.

Mr. Morren moved, second by Ms. Harris to go into Executive Session to discuss matters of possible litigation with the Schafer 15 Acre Tract. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. 9:15PM.

Mr. Engelbrecht moved, second by Ms. Harris to return to Public Session. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. 9:41PM

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 PM with a motion by Mr. Morren, second by Mr. Engelbrecht. On a voice vote all present voted aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond E. Whitlock Jr.
Borough Clerk